



FLIGHT LINES

FAIRBANKS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

SPRING 2014

Arctic Winter Games brings influx of passengers

Last month, the highly anticipated Arctic Winter Games (AWG) of 2014 brought over 4,000 extra passengers through the Fairbanks International Airport (FAI). With nearly 2,000 athletes, coaches, and delegates utilizing more than forty charter flights, FAI welcomed individuals from Alaska, Alberta, Greenland, Sapmi (Northern Scandinavia), Yamal (Russia), and Yukon. During the days preceding the games and those following, the terminal bustled with an array of color-coordinated outfits, yellow-coated volunteers, and even the iconic mascot, "Raavee."

After a year of planning, FAI Operations was put to the test not only from

FAI's perspective, but from the community as well. Success took the combined cooperation of Customs, Air Traffic Control, Transportation Security Administration, FAI staff, and countless other entities, all of whom worked collaboratively with the Chief of Operations, Melissa Osborn.

Osborn, who has been nominated for the Department of Transportation's "Extra Mile Award," spearheaded the organization and implementation of all airport activities during the arriving and departing of AWG affiliates. Airport Manager, Jesse VanderZanden, commended Osborn's achievement. "[She] made an enduring and significant contribution to the tremendous success of AWG. We at FAI knew she could do it all along; now the community knows."



Left: Hundreds of AWG athletes fill the FAI terminal as they await transportation. Right: Planes from Yukon, Greenland, and Canadian North arrive at FAI.

FAI OPERATIONS

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Identification established for historical icon



The temporary sign sits above the first baggage claim belt.
PETE VANDEHEI/FAI OPERATIONS

Since her inaugural staging into the remodeled Fairbanks International Airport (FAI), the “Jenny” has been flying incognito over travelers in the terminal. For almost six months, the Curtiss JN-4D “Jenny” Aircraft has not been labeled with identification of her name nor notable tale.

During the first part of April, Operations Officer, Pete VanDeHei, and FAI Manager, Jesse VanderZanden, met with associates from the University of Alaska Fairbanks Museum of the North to establish a temporary sign detailing Jenny’s history. As a result, the museum set up a free-standing sign just below the plane, atop the first baggage claim belt.

A permanent sign is expected to reach completion near the end of Fall. All current information from the display will be included in the new sign, but it will also feature additional photos and history. Similarly, a duplicate display will be placed on the balcony floor near the Transportation Security Administration’s screening checkpoint; this area gives an eye-level vantage point of the Jenny. Once permanent signs are in place, a dedication ceremony will be held in honor of the historical icon.

Fire Evacuates East Ramp Hangar

In the early morning hours of April 7, 2014, the Airport Police and Fire Department was notified of a burning building with visible smoke and flames. The on-duty crew of Sergeant Lewis and officers Cottle, Brown, and Hall, along with the assistance of the University Fire Department, responded to an East Ramp hangar near Armistead Access Road. Upon arrival, units made contact with the reporting party who had been awakened by a smoke detector after his 1997 Dodge truck had caught fire. Preliminary investigation revealed that the fire started after the truck was plugged in to check the heaters. The fire was extinguished and all the property in the hangar was saved. This is a good reminder for everyone to check their own smoke detectors; a properly installed and operating detector can save a life.



Sgt Craig Lewis looks on as smoke clears out of the east ramp hangar earlier this month.
AIRPORT POLICE & FIRE



Fairbanks Aviation Day



Where: **East Ramp, Fairbanks International Airport, 3504 South University Avenue**
When: **Saturday, May 17th, - 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.**
FREE Admission
Who: **Youth, adults and anyone who is just "plane crazy."**

Curious about what happens at Fairbanks International Airport? Would you like to get up close to real airplanes? Receive instructions from an FAA Air Traffic Controller? Plan a flight-seeing trip for this summer? You will be able to do all these things, and a lot more on Saturday, May 17th at Fairbanks Aviation Day. This one-day event includes airport tours, mini-seminars, a pancake breakfast, free flights for youth, ages 8-17, and a chance to take a tour "behind the scenes."

Look for updates on www.facebook.com/fairbanksaoc.

Arrivals & Departures

Arrivals:

Ashleigh Miller, Terminal Services
Elizabeth Porter, Terminal Services
Jim Heaster, Environmental
Katie Rubin, Dispatch
Lacy Russell, Administration
Laura Williams, Dispatch
Peter Hawbaker, APF
RJ Dobson, APF
Sara Mattox, APF
Shea Daniels, APF

Promotions/Transfers:

Annette Cole, Accounts Payable
Mary Martin, Operations

Departures:

Bonnie Workman, Administration
Daniel Whitlow, Field Maintenance
Marlen Pruett, Field Maintenance
William Salmon, Field Maintenance

Runway safety discussed at annual meeting

The Runway Safety Action Team (RSAT) met earlier this month to discuss deviations and incursions related to current operations at the Fairbanks International Airport (FAI). The annual gathering included FAI commercial and general aviation stakeholders, as well as airport and Federal Aviation Administration staff. Recommended action items included extension of taxiway A's centerline lights and re-naming ILS/approach hold lines, declaration of the east side area encompassing taxiways B and T as a hot spot and tree removal along the float pond to increase visibility for tower controllers.

FAI receives zero discrepancies

Due to the excellent cooperation of airport tenants and a revamped Airport Security Program (ASP), Fairbanks International Airport (FAI) received zero discrepancies resulting from Transportation Security Administration's April inspection. This marks a big step forward in FAI's collective compliance efforts. Thanks to Airport Operations and Airport Police and Fire for their diligence and acumen in improving and administering the ASP. For security questions, please contact the Airport Security Coordinator, Melissa Osborn, at 474-2550.

National training exercise to prepare emergency responders

The Fairbanks International Airport Police and Fire Department is gearing up for their triennial training exercise. The Federal Aviation Administration mandates that every airport in the United States conduct this type of training exercise every three years. This training will better prepare local emergency response teams to respond to a major aircraft accident or mass casualty incident at the airport. The exercise will take place in August, but the department has its own monthly training schedule to help keep each officer's police and fire skills sharp. Should an incident of this magnitude occur, officers will be prepared. As the saying goes in emergency services; every day is a training day.



Master Plan Update

- ⇒ The Fairbanks Advisory Board (FAB) met on January 29th to review the first four chapters of the Master Plan.
- ⇒ A full Master Plan draft will be made available to FAB in early May.
- ⇒ The Master Plan draft will be released to the public during the annual Aviation Day event on May 17th.
- ⇒ The finalized Master Plan should be available by the end of summer.
- ⇒ For more information, please visit pdcprojects.info/FAIMasterPlan/index.html

ARFF Facility Update

As phase I of construction nears completion at the Airport Rescue and Fire Fighting (ARFF) facility, airport staff and the contractor, Osborne Construction Company, are gearing up for the transition into phase II. During the summer months, Airport Police and Fire will be working out of a temporary building located next to the existing ARFF facility. Dispatch, however, will soon be moving into their finished office space in the coming weeks.



The original ARFF facility, built in 1963 with later additions, was designed to be heated by electricity, but the current plans include new natural gas boilers and water heaters. The complete upgrade improves energy efficiency by including installation of insulating panels throughout, energy efficient condensing boilers, and upgrading all overhead

doors. Furthermore, the new facility will have a central ventilation system, sprinkler system, additional sand storage and deicing fluid capacity, along with several other upgrades.

Phase II is expected to reach completion by October to allow staff to move back in before winter. When finished, the ARFF facility will house Airport Police and Fire, the Dispatch, Badging, and Operations offices, as well as snow removal equipment, sand storage, and deicing equipment.

For questions, please contact Steve Henry, Airport Engineer, at (907) 474-2587.

Applause

Congratulations to Fairbanks Airport Police & Fire (APF) for receiving Honorable Mention in the 2014 Governor's Denali Peak Performance Awards. In the Crisis Responder category, team members Aaron Danielson, Bob Dickerson, Craig Lewis, Mary Martin, Sean Martines, Beverly Moore, David Mount, Katie Rubin, Theresa Sunderland, and Mike Suter were all named.

Nominees are those that, by responding in a crisis, demonstrate exceptional commitment and competence resulting in the protection of public safety, health or the environment. Judging is based on their determination in action, element of risk, cooperation in action, and effectiveness.

After an aircraft crashed during take-off in October, the APF response team was nominated for their precision and implementation in extracting all three aircraft passengers. In the nomination entry it states, "The team's ability to perform in extremely tough conditions [is] a testament to their professionalism and dedication to helping others."

Congratulations again APF! Your hard work and dedication does not go unnoticed.

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